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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, **TENNIE BRYANT**, a citizen of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful **INFANT TUB WITH REMOVABLE SEAT** of which the following is a specification:

INFANT TUB WITH REMOVABLE SEAT

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to infant bathtubs with removable seats and more particularly pertains to a new infant tub with removable seat for allowing the user to not have to hold onto the infant while bathing the infant.

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Description of the Prior Art

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The use of infant bathtubs with removable seats is known in the prior art. More specifically, infant bathtubs with removable seats heretofore devised and utilized are known to consist basically of familiar, expected and obvious structural configurations, notwithstanding the myriad of designs encompassed by the crowded prior art which have been developed for the fulfillment of countless objectives and requirements.

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Known prior art includes U.S. Patent No. 6,108,826; U.S. Patent No. 5,588,159; U.S. Patent No. 6,253,392; U.S. Patent No. 5,361,430; U.S. Patent No. 5,321,859; U.S. Patent No. 4,881,281; U.S. Patent No. Des. 360,933; and U.S. Patent No. Des. 419,785.

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the aforementioned patents do not disclose a new infant tub with removable seat. The prior art
5 includes tubs used for bathing children.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new infant
10 tub with removable seat which has many of the advantages of the infant bathtubs with removable seats mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new infant tub with removable seat which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art infant bathtubs with removable
15 seats, either alone or in any combination thereof. The present invention includes a bathtub member having side, foot, back, and bottom walls, and also having an open top, and also having an elongate support member being disposed at the open top and interconnecting the side walls for supporting play things thereupon;
20 and also includes a cushioned seat member being removably fastened against the back wall in the bathtub member; and further includes a securement member for fastening about a child being seated in the cushioned seat member in the bathtub member. None of the prior art includes the combination of the elements of the
25 present invention.

There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the infant tub with removable seat in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better
30 understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the

invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

5 In this respect, before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and to the arrangements of the components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced and carried out in
10 various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology employed herein are for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

15 It is an object of the present invention to provide a new infant tub with removable seat which has many of the advantages of the infant bathtubs with removable seats mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new infant tub with removable seat which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art infant bathtubs with removable
20 seats, either alone or in any combination thereof.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a new infant tub with removable seat for allowing the user to not have to hold onto the infant while bathing the infant.

25 Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new infant tub with removable seat that is easy and convenient to set up and use.

30 Even still another object of the present invention is to provide a new infant tub with removable seat that allows the user to

be hands free with the infant being securely and comfortably seated in the bathtub member.

5 These together with other objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and the specific objects attained by its uses, reference should be made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there are illustrated preferred
10 embodiments of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

15 The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a new infant tub with removable seat according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view of the present invention.

25 Figure 3 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

30 With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to Figures 1 through 3 thereof, a new infant tub with removable seat

embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 3, the infant tub with
5 removable seat 10 generally comprises a bathtub member 11 having
side, foot, back, and bottom walls 12-16, and also having an open
top, and also having an elongate support member 19 being
conventionally disposed at the open top and integrally
interconnecting the side walls 12,13 for supporting playthings 20
10 thereupon. The back wall 15 of the bathtub member 11 has a
greater height than that of the foot wall 14 of the bathtub member
11, and also has a plurality of laterally-extending grooves 17 being
spacedly disposed in an inner side thereof, and is longitudinally
curved inwardly from the open top of the bathtub member 11 to the
15 bottom wall 16 of the bathtub member 11. The laterally-extending
grooves 17 are spaced from the open top of the bathtub member 11
to the bottom wall 16 of the bathtub member 11. The bathtub
member 11 further includes a laterally-extending ridge 18 being
integrally disposed upon the bottom wall 16 near the back wall 15
20 of the bathtub member 11.

A cushioned seat member 21 is removably engaged against the
back and bottom walls 15,16 in the bathtub member 11. The
cushioned seat member 21 includes a backrest portion 22 having a
backside and a front side, and also includes a seat portion 24
25 having a top side and a bottom side with the seat portion 24 being
angled relative to the backrest portion 22. The backrest portion 22
has a plurality of laterally-extending ribs 23 being spacedly and
integrally disposed upon the backside thereof. The laterally-
extending ribs 23 are spaced from a top of the backrest portion 22
30 to a bottom of the backrest portion 22. The laterally-extending ribs
23 are removably engaged in the laterally-extending grooves 17 of

the bathtub member 11. The seat portion 24 has a laterally-
extending slot 25 being disposed in the bottom side thereof. The
laterally-extending ridge 18 of the bathtub member 11 is removably
engaged in the laterally-extending slot 25 to prevent the cushioned
5 seat member 21 from sliding in the bathtub member 11.

A securement member for fastening about a child being seated
in the cushioned seat member 21 in the bathtub member 11 includes
a pair of straps 26,29 having first ends 27,30 being conventionally
attached to inner sides of the side walls 12,13 near the back wall 15
10 of the bathtub member 11, and also includes strips of hook and loop
fasteners 32,33 being conventionally attached along second end
portions 28,31 of the pair of straps 26,29 and being fastenable to
one another with the pairs of straps 26,29 being strapped about the
child being seated upon the cushioned seat member 21.

15 In use, the user engages the cushioned seat member 21 to the
back and bottom walls 15,16 in the bathtub member 11 and places
the child in the bathtub member 11 upon the cushioned seat member
21 and secures the child by fastening the pairs of straps 26,29 about
the child so that the child does not slip down into the bathtub
20 member 11 and allows the user to be hands free to effectively bathe
the child.

As to a further discussion of the manner of usage and
operation of the present invention, the same should be apparent
25 from the above description. Accordingly, no further discussion
relating to the manner of usage and operation will be provided.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized
that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the
30 invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form,
function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed

readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

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Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the infant tub with removable seat. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.

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